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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION AGENCY
OFFICE OF ECOSYSTEM PROTECTION
REGION I
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JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE OF A REVISED DRAFT NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE
ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT TO DISCHARGE INTO THE WATERS OF THE
UNITED STATES UNDER SECTION 301 AND 402 OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT (THE "ACT"), AS
AMENDED, AND REQUEST FOR STATE CERTIFICATION UNDER SECTION 401 OF THE ACT.

DATE OF PUBLIC NOTICE PERIOD: August 17, 2018 – September 15, 2018

PERMIT NUMBER: MA0101613

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER: MA-015-18

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

Springfield Water and Sewer Commission
P.O. Box 995
Springfield, MA 01101-0995

NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

Springfield Regional Waste Water Treatment Facility and from 24 Combined Sewer Overflow Outfalls
(CSOs)
Route 5 Bondi Island
Agawam, MA 01001

RECEIVING WATER: Connecticut River, Chicopee River and Mill River

RECEIVING WATER CLASSIFICATION: Class B – Warm Water Fishery

PREPARATION OF THE REVISED DRAFT PERMIT:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, ("EPA") and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection ("MassDEP") have cooperated in the development of a revised Draft Permit for the above identified facility. The effluent limits and permit conditions imposed have been drafted to assure that State Water Quality Standards and provisions of the Clean Water Act will be met. EPA has formally requested that the State certify this revised Draft Permit pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act and expects that the revised Draft Permit will be certified.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE REVISED DRAFT PERMIT:

The Draft Permit for the Springfield Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility was released for public comment on November 15, 2017 ("2017 Draft Permit"). Upon request from the permittee, EPA extended the initial 30-day public notice and comment period to February 12, 2018. Following requests from the

Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (“CTDEEP”) and others for a public hearing, EPA reopened the public notice and comment period from March 14, 2018 through April 27, 2018 to facilitate an April 24, 2018 public hearing. The 2017 Draft Permit established technology-based and water quality-based effluent limits on the discharges from the wastewater treatment facility and from 24 Combined Sewer Overflow Outfalls (CSOs).

EPA received numerous comments on the 2017 Draft Permit. After consideration of all the comments and supporting material, EPA and MassDEP have determined that nitrogen and CSO notification requirements that differ from those which were proposed in the 2017 Draft Permit are necessary to protect water quality in the Connecticut River and Long Island Sound and to protect recreational uses in the Connecticut River,

EPA has prepared a Revised Draft Permit and Fact Sheet Supplement that includes certain changes to these provisions from the November 15, 2017 Draft Permit. The Revised Draft Permit and explanatory Fact Sheet may be obtained at no cost at

<https://www.epa.gov/npdes-permits/massachusetts-draft-individual-npdes-permits> or by contacting:

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Boston, MA 02109-3912
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The administrative record containing all documents relating to this Revised Draft Permit is on file and may be inspected at the EPA Boston office mentioned above between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING:

All persons, including applicants, who believe any of the conditions of this Revised Draft Permit is inappropriate, must raise all issues and submit all available arguments and all supporting material for their arguments in full by **September 15, 2018**, to the U.S. EPA, 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100, Boston, Massachusetts 02109-23912. Any person, prior to such date, may submit a request in writing to EPA and the State Agency for a public hearing to consider this draft permit. Such requests shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. A public hearing may be held after at least thirty days public notice whenever the Regional Administrator finds that response to this notice indicates significant public interest. As provided in 40 CFR § 124.14(c), the comments filed during this public comment period shall be limited to the following proposed revisions in the Draft Permit:

- 1) Revised total nitrogen requirements in Parts I.A.1 and I.H and
- 2) Revised combined sewer overflow (CSO) requirements in Part I.B.

In reaching a final decision on this draft permit the Regional Administrator will respond to all significant comments and make the responses available to the public at EPA's Boston office.

FINAL PERMIT DECISION AND APPEALS:

Following the close of the comment period, and after a public hearing, if such hearing is held, the Regional Administrator will issue a final permit decision and forward a copy of the final decision to the applicant and each person who has submitted written comments or requested notice. Within 30 days following the notice of the final permit decision any interested person may submit a request for a formal hearing to reconsider or contest the final decision.

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